

**NORTHWESTERN MICHIGAN COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES
Monday, August 26, 2024
Timothy J. Nelson Innovation Center 106/107**

CALL TO ORDER—Chair Laura J. Oblinger called the regular meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Trustees present: Laura J. Oblinger, Bill F. Marsh, Kennard R. Weaver, Chris M. Bott, Douglas S. Bishop, Kenneth E. Warner, Andrew K. Robitshek

Trustees absent: None

Also present: President Nick Nissley, Lynne Moritz, Diana Fairbanks, Troy Kierczynski, Kyle Morrison, Todd Neibauer, Stephen Siciliano, Jason Slade, Marcus Bennett, Dino Hernandez, Melissa Sprenkle, Becca Richardson, Jim Bensley, Marina Call, David Mortenson-Chown, Molly Norville, Kathryn DePauw, Cody Bair

REVIEW OF AGENDA—A motion was made by Laura Oblinger to amend the agenda with an addition to consider an updated resolution regarding the Benzie County annexation ballot proposals, to become item “S” on the agenda and have the previously listed action items follow that discussion.

STRATEGIC FOCUS

Mission & Values in Action: Audio Tech Study Abroad—Student Participants and Program Leads Jim Bensley, Director of International Services and Service Learning, and Marina Call, Student Success Coach, provided a brief update on study abroad opportunities for students and highlighted the recent Audio Tech trip to Ireland with music played by the group Gaelic Football.

Strategic Initiatives Update—Jason Slade, Vice President of Strategic Initiatives, provided an update on the transition from year two to year three of the plan.

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Faculty Report: Possible Worlds and Critical Thinking—Melissa Sprenkle, Communications Instructor, Co-chair Curriculum Committee, presented on the Science Fiction and Fantasy literature class in order to explore the role of imagination in critical thinking and problem solving.

PUBLIC INPUT—There was no public input offered.

UPDATES

President’s Update—President Nick Nissley reminded everyone of the start of the fall semester and Welcome Week activities. Nissley also welcomed Vice President of College Advancement Dino Hernandez and thanked trustees for their participation in fall student activities. Other points of pride highlighted by President Nissley included: first pinning ceremony for ADN to BSN students, NCLEX stores. Nissley also highlighted an update on the University Center related to the facilities plan; Plante Moran Realpoint will be conducting an analysis of the current state of the property, determining its highest and best use, and identifying and evaluating potential strategies and options for NMC to monetize the real estate, which may include lease, sale, or development. President Nissley also shared brief slides from the economic impact study conducted for FY22, which was requested at a Board of Trustees retreat in February 2023.

Board Chair Update—Chair Laura Oblinger provided an update on the presidential evaluation process and contract renewal, including a note of the annual performance review at the October regular meeting.

MCCA Summer Conference—Those trustees which attended the recent conference in July shared their highlights and takeaways from the learning and networking opportunity.

CONSENT ITEMS—On a motion by Doug Bishop, seconded by Kennard Weaver, the following items were approved by a unanimous vote as a group without discussion:

- Minutes of the July 22, 2024 regular meeting and closed session
- Minutes of the August 7, 2024 special meeting
- Enrollment Report—*Todd Neibauer, Vice President for Student Services & Technologies*
- Financial Report—*Troy Kierczynski, Vice President of Finance and Administration*
- PRMC—*Diana Fairbanks, Associate Vice President of PRMC*
- Foundation Report—*Dino Hernandez, Vice President of College Advancement*
- Building and Site Committee—*Ken Warner, Committee Chair*
- Presidential Performance & Compensation Committee—*Laura Oblinger, Committee Chair*

ACTION ITEMS

Amendment to Resolution Proposing Annexation of Benzie County—Doug Bishop made a motion, seconded by Kennard Weaver, to recommend adoption of an updated resolution proposing annexation of Benzie County to join the Northwestern Michigan College district, which includes a correction to an inaccurate statement in the preamble to the Annexation Proposal and Annexation Millage Proposal in order to provide accurate information to the voters. The motion passed unanimously.

2024 Community College Facilities and Equipment Bonds—On a motion by Doug Bishop, seconded by Kennard Weaver, the Board unanimously adopted a resolution authorizing the issuance and delegating the sale of bonds and other matters relating to the proposed 2024 Community College Facilities and Equipment Bonds, as presented by the Administration. The motion passed unanimously.

Apartment Security Cameras and Door Access—Bill Marsh made a motion, seconded by Chris Bott, authorizing for the administration to enter into a contract with People Driven Technology for the installation of security cameras and door access controls for the new apartment buildings in the amount of \$120,040.00 plus a 10% contingency, for a total project budget of \$132,044.00 to be funded by the Plant Fund reserves. The motion passed unanimously.

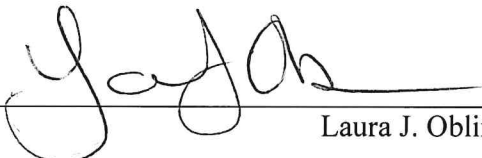
Local Strategic Value Resolution—Ken Warner made a motion, seconded by Doug Bishop, to recommend adoption of presented Local Strategic Value Resolution certifying that Northwestern Michigan College meets the best practices standards required by the appropriations law for fiscal year 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

REVIEW OF FOLLOW-UP REQUESTS—Confirmed requests made by the Board that require administrative follow-up for information to be provided to the Board at a later date.

- **Send Economic Impact Study slides to Board**
- **Experiential Learning credential**

ADJOURNMENT—The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Recorded by Lynne Moritz, Executive Director of the President’s Office and Board Operations.

SIGNED  _____
Laura J. Oblinger, Chair

ATTESTED  _____
Chris M. Bott, Secretary